

**Prince William County Animal Advisory Committee (AAC) Minutes**  
**February 17, 2026**

**I. Member Attendance**

1. Patti Bright	Present
2. Ron Crigger	Present
3. Kelly Easterly	Not Present
4. Melissa Korzuch	Not Present
5. Eric Fagerholm	Present
6. Anthony Cleveland, Bureau Chief	Present
7. Laura Haufler	Present
8. Emine Rowe	Present
9. Noelle Shott	Present
10. Vacant (Gainesville)	Not Present
11. Olivia LoBalbo	Not Present
12. Samantha Mir, Chair	Present

**I. Call to Order** – at 6:46pm by Chair Mir

**II. Citizens' Time**

- No Citizens present.

**III. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Minutes from December meeting will be deferred to next month. Unanimous approval to defer approval to next month.
- Mr. Crigger made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes and Ms. Bright seconded the motion. Unanimous agreement.

**IV. Reports of Subcommittees**

- CTE: Ms. Bright shared that the CTE Program was discussed at the last PWCS Board meeting.
- Pet Stores: Mr. Cleveland is coordinating with the County Attorney on code changes. The County Attorney is not approving of moving forward with the following changes recommended by the AAC:
  - Usury / loans that the pet stores give to purchasers
  - Inspection process will be constrained to yearly not at any time.

**V. Old Business**

- Request for re-appointments: Ms. Shott and Ms. Mir are still awaiting approval. Ms. Rowe's supervisor is vacant, therefore her appointment remains in place.

- Dog Licensing: Mr. Fagerholm provided an update that he is continuing to coordinate with the County to refine the process.
- Virginia Legislative Update: Mr. Fagerholm shared updated on the state legislative updates.
  - Senate Bills of interest:
    - SB261
    - SB266
    - SB331
    - SB154
    - SB344
    - SB471
    - SB186
    - SB349
    - SB707
    - SB770
    - SB792
  - House Bills:
    - HB129
    - HB 596
    - HB 597
    - HB 1013
    - HB 112
    - HB 1048
    - HB 1049
    - HB 1126
    - HB 1160
    - HB 1287
    - HB 1160
    - HB 1287
    - HB 1238
    - HB 673
    - HB 730
    - HB 856
    - HB 767
    - HB 506
    - HB 1396
    - HB 379
    - HB 291
    - HB 1415
    - HB 1016
- K-9 Initiative: Ms. Haufler contacted the Police Dept K9 representative who stated that there are currently no opening for K9s at this time. But he is very interested in the K-9 Protectors. Ms Haufler will stay connected with both parties to receive updates.

- Communication Method: Ms. Mir confirmed that the AAC should not be texting. She shared an idea to have a AAC members use a mobile application that would be open to the public to be in accordance with FOIA rules. Ms. Mir will talk to the County Attorney Office to get clarification.
- Animal Welfare: One (1) new animal cruelty case this month. Enclosure (1) provides latest updates on the active cases.
  - Mr. Cleveland shared an update on the FBI Farm raid. ACS seized over 350 animals and majority have been claimed by an authorized party.
- Shelter Updates- HVAC upgrade starts March 2026 which will get the Vet Suite operational.
  - Live Domestic Intake: 608
  - Adopted: 146
  - Redemptions: 55
  - Transferred to Rescue: 52
  - Euthanasia: 234 (this is due to the chickens from the FBI Farm Raid)
  - Wildlife Euthanasia: 8

#### **VI. New Business**

- Public Education:
  - Ms. Mir introduced a topic on how can the County educate the public more on animal welfare.
    - Pet Parenting Classes
    - Safety as it relates to pet ownership (sterilizing, microchipping)
    - Resources available to the public
  - Ms. Shott shared the process that can be used to advocate to the County that the ACS should receive more resources so they can implement more education.
  - Ms. Rowe asked if non-profits can use the shelter to hold meetings. Mr. Cleveland stated that there are partners with the shelter that do use the meeting space.
  - Ms. Haufler shared an idea to work with local non-profit that is partnered with the shelter to have them hold classes at the shelter. She asked if it can be mandatory for animals being adopted. Mr. Cleveland said they can't be mandated. Ms. Haufler will follow-up with Ms. Mir on actions to move this forward.

#### **VII. Member Time**

- Mr. Fagerholm shared his approach to meet with his Supervisor on the County's FY27 budget not including any additional FTEs for the ACS. He also discussed his interest in getting more involved in the state and county legislature.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

- Mr. Crigger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bright seconded the motion. Unanimous agreement.

Drafted by: Noelle Shott

Next Meeting: March 17, 2026 -- McCoart (Occoquan Room)

## Enclosure 1: Animal Welfare

The following sites are scanned monthly:

- Commonwealth Attorney Office questions and general inquiry email: [cwoffice@pwcgov.org](mailto:cwoffice@pwcgov.org)
- Track and report PWC Animal Abuse/ Cruelty Cases:
  - <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/police/arrests>
- Track Virginia judicial system cases
  - [Virginia Judiciary Online Case Information System \(state.va.us\)](https://www.sos.state.va.us/judicial)

Case No	Last Name	First Name	Filed Date	Arrest Date	Case Type	Class	Charge	Hearing	Disposition	Sentencing
GC26001101-00	SIPE,	LAURIE J	2/3/2026	1/29/2026	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	4/22/2026		
GC26000248-00	BOLEY,	GARLAND WAYNE	1/7/2026		MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	4/27/2026	adjudicatory	
GC25013583-00	SOLIS-RAMOS,	PABLO EZEQUIEL	12/24/2025		MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	1/27/2026	adjudicatory	
GC25011654-00	Barton	Dawn Marie	10/30/2025	6/27/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	2/10/2026	Guilty of multiple charges	
CR25002936-00	KIRBY,	CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL	10/6/2025	10/3/2025	FELONY	Class 6	TORTURE ANIMAL CAUSING DEATH	9/16/2026	Jury Trial	
GC25004878-00	WALKER	DANIELLE NIKIA	5/19/2025	3/15/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	9/22/2025	adjudicatory	NOLLE PROSEQUI
GC25004799-00	BURTON II	LARRY JEROME	5/15/2025	3/15/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	9/22/2025	adjudicatory	GUILTY
GC25004618-00	CAULFIELD	SVETLANA MIRONVA	5/12/2025	2/25/2025	FELONY	Class 6	TORTURE/MAIM DOG OR CAT	11/18/2026	Jury Trial	
GC25004916-00	O'Bannion	Malik Lee Dorsey	5/19/2025	5/16/2025	Felony	Class 6	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	3/11/2026	Jury Trial	
GC25004310-00	MADRID,	NATALIE	5/2/2025	4/25/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	ANIMAL CRUELTY	5/6/2026	Disposition	DEFERRED DISPOSITION
GC25003913-00	PARKHURST	DAVID ALEX	4/23/2025	4/21/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	9/16/2025	Warrant for Arrest	CAPIAS
GC25003342-00	Shulman-Englander	Aaron	4/7/2025	2/19/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	1/8/2026	Hearing	NOLO CONTENDERE